Introduction Paragraph

**Quotation**

**Fact**

**Statistic**

**Question**

***Directions****: Write a hook sentence, connecting sentence,*

*and a thesis statement in the middle boxes.*

2 **Background information.** Introduce the novel and give a little background about the character you’re talking about (Graff).

*\*Use the information and tips to help you.*

**1 Hook:**

Grabs the reader’s attention.

Start with one of these:

**\*a quote \* a question**

**\*a surprising statistic**

**\*a fact**

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**Connecting sentences:**

Connects a broad hook to

a specific thesis statement

**3 Thesis:**

What the whole essay is about, the side being argued and what the three main body paragraphs are about.

Ex: **Graff is guilty/not guilty**

**of the crimes of mistreatment of children and negligent**

**homicide because reason 1, reason 2, and reason 3.**

*Thesis Tip:*

* **Ask yourself:**

- What topic am I writing about?

- Whose side am I on?

- What are the topics of my 3 main body paragraphs?

*Example:* Dogs

are better than

cats because

they never hold

grudges, they

protect you, and

they help people

with disabilities.